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SUBJECT: UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSFER OF  
TECHNOLOGY--CONFERENCE SCHEDULING: SECOND AND  
FIFTH COMMITTEES

1. B GROUP EXPERTS ARE UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT FIFTH  
COMMITTEE POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF DATES FOR SUBJECT  
CONFERENCE UNTIL AFTER CURRENT IGE AT UNCTAD, OCTOBER 31-  
NOVEMBER 11.

2. GROUP B EXPERTS ALSO DISCUSSED PROPOSED CONTINGENCY  
STATEMENT PARA 3 BELOW. ALL (EXCEPT TURKEY) GENERALLY  
CONCUR IN THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING REVISED STATEMENT  
ALTHOUGH SOME WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMIT GOVERNMENTS  
TO ITS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. THE TEXT IN PARA 3 BELOW SHOULD  
THEREFORE BE CONSIDERED AS THE PERSONAL CONSENSUS JUDGMENT  
OF THE B GROUP EXPERTS--ON A LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR  
BASIS--ON HOW FAR THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL LIKELY BE ABLE TO  
GO IN A SPECIFIC DRAFT. IT IS FORWARDED FOR THE INFORMA-  
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TION AND FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF NEW YORK DELEGATIONS,  
AGAINST THE CONTINGENCY THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE TIMING  
ISSUE CANNOT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER CURRENT IGE AND WE  
CANNOT ARRANGE TO HAVE DATES LEFT "TO BE DETERMINED."

3. BEGIN TEXT. IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRESS MADE TO DATE IN  
PREPARATORY MEETINGS, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE IGE

EXPERTS THAT A NUMBER OF GROUP B COUNTRIES BELIEVE THAT IT IS PREMATURE TO DECIDE ON DATES FOR A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY BEFORE EXPERTS HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS IN THEIR WORK AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 4TH SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP AT UNCTAD. IT IS THEREFORE WITH RELUCTANCE THAT OUR COUNTRIES HAVE JOINED A CONSENSUS ON THE DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE AS SET FORTH IN THE CALENDAR ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. WHEN THE CONFERENCE'S CALENDAR IS TAKEN UP IN THE PLENARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE INTEND TO CONSIDER THIS MATTER FURTHER AND MAY ADDRESS THE SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF TIMING, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE BASIS FOR A CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1978.

THE COUNTRIES FOR THEIR PART REMAIN COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND SHALL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE WORK OF THE EXPERTS GROUP TO THIS END. END TEXT.

4. US DELEGATION AT IGE RECOMMENDS THAT WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH THE DRAFT IN PARA 3, BUT ADD ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES A STATEMENT THAT OUR PARTICIPATION IN A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE IS DEPENDENT ON AN ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER AN ADEQUATE BASIS EXISTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. VANDEN HEUVEL  
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